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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Applicant requests that the following amendments be made to the above application prior to Examination on the merits:

In the Claims

Please cancel claim 1 without prejudice or disclaimer and add the following new claims:

6. A method of bleed-printing, comprising acts of:
inserting a product to be printed into a printer, the product being attached to a carrier that is larger, in at least one dimension, than the product;

bleed-printing on the product so that printed matter extends beyond at least one edge of the product; and
removing the product from the carrier.

7. The method of claim 6, wherein, the product is attached to the carrier by an adhesive, and wherein after the act of removing, the product is substantially free of tacky residue from the adhesive.

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8. A method of bleed-printing, comprising acts of:
inserting a product to be printed into a printer, the product being attached to a carrier
having at least one edge that extends beyond at least one edge of the product;
bleed-printing on the product so that printed matter extends beyond the at least one edge
of the product; and
removing the product from the carrier.

9. The method of claim 8, wherein the act of bleed-printing includes an act of bleed-
printing on the product so that printed matter extends beyond the at least one edge of the product
and onto the at least one edge of the carrier.

10. A printed product comprising:
a carrier;
a sheet attached to the carrier with an adhesive, the sheet being smaller, in at least one
dimension, than the carrier;
printed matter disposed on the sheet so that the printed matter extends beyond at least one
edge of the sheet;
wherein the adhesive leaves substantially no tacky residue on the sheet when it is
removed from the carrier.

11. A product comprising:
a carrier;
a sheet attached to the carrier with an adhesive, the sheet being smaller, in at least one
dimension, than the carrier;
wherein the adhesive leaves substantially no tacky residue on the sheet when it is
removed from the carrier.

12. A product, comprising:
a carrier;

a sheet attached to the carrier, the sheet being smaller, in at least one dimension, than the carrier;

wherein the sheet, upon removal from the carrier, is substantially free of tacky residue.

13. A method of bleed-printing, comprising acts of:

inserting a sheet into a printer, the sheet having a first perforation that extends along a first edge of the sheet to form a first margin;

bleed-printing on the sheet so that printed matter extends across the first perforation; and
removing the first margin.

14. The method of claim 13, wherein the sheet has a second perforation that extends along a second edge of the sheet to form a second margin and wherein the act of bleed-printing includes an act of bleed printing on the sheet so that the printed matter extends across the first perforation and across the second perforation; the method further comprising an act of:

removing the second margin.

15. The method of claim 14, wherein the sheet has a third perforation and a fourth perforation, the third perforation extending along a third edge of the sheet and intersecting the first and second perforations to form a third margin, and the fourth perforation extending along a fourth edge of the sheet and intersecting the first and second perforations to form a fourth margin, wherein the act of bleed-printing includes a act of bleed printing on the sheet so that the printed matter extends across the first, second, third, and fourth perforations, the method further comprising an act of:

removing the third and fourth margins.

16. A method of bleed-printing, comprising acts of:

bleed-printing on a sheet so that printed matter extends across a first perforation in the sheet and onto a first margin of the sheet; and

removing the first margin.

17. A printed product, comprising:

a sheet having a perforation formed therein, the perforation defining an area inside of the perforation, and a margin outside of the perforation between the perforation and an edge of the sheet;

printed matter disposed on the area of the sheet and extending beyond the perforation onto the margin;

wherein upon removal of the margin, the printed product is bleed-printed.

18. A product, comprising:

a sheet having a perforation formed therein, the perforation defining a printable area inside of the perforation and a margin outside of the perforation between the perforation and an edge of the sheet;

wherein at least a portion of the margin is adapted to receive printing without smudging

19. A product for use with a printer having a paper handling mechanism, the product comprising:

a sheet having a perforation formed therein, the perforation defining a printable area inside of the perforation and a margin outside of the perforation between the perforation and an edge of the sheet;

wherein the margin is adapted to receive printed matter and prevent the printed matter from being applied to the paper handling mechanism of the printer.

20. A product for use with a printer having a paper handling mechanism, the product comprising:

a sheet having a perforation formed therein, the perforation defining a printable area inside of the perforation; and

means for preventing printed matter from being applied to the paper handling mechanism of the printer.

21. A product, for use with a printer having a paper handling mechanism, the product comprising:

a sheet having a plurality of perforations formed therein, each perforation of the plurality of perforations adjoining at least one other perforation of the plurality of perforations to define an area that is bounded by the plurality of perforations and at least one margin that is outside of the plurality of perforations;

wherein the at least one margin is adapted to receive printed matter and prevent the printed matter from being applied to the paper handling mechanism of the printer.

22. A product, comprising:

a sheet formed from a printable medium, the sheet including

a first perforation formed in the sheet that defines a first margin in the sheet,

a second perforation formed in the sheet that defines a second margin in the sheet, the second perforation intersecting the first perforation,

a third perforation formed in the sheet that defines a third margin in the sheet, the third perforation intersecting the second perforation, and

a fourth perforation formed in the sheet that defines a fourth margin in the sheet, the fourth perforation intersecting the third perforation.

23. The product of claim 22, wherein the fourth perforation intersects the first perforation to define an area inside the first, second, third and fourth margins that is surrounded by the first, second, third and fourth margins.

24. The product of claim 23, wherein the area defined inside the first, second, third, and fourth margins defines a rectangle.

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REMARKS

Prior to examination on the merits, Applicants respectfully request consideration and entry of this Preliminary Amendment and submits the following remarks.

This application is a continuation of application serial no. 09/481,579, filed January 12, 2001, entitled METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR BLEED-PRINTING AND METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR DECORATING A PAPER OBJECT, and now pending, which is a division of application serial no. 09/004,533, filed January 8, 1998, entitled METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR BLEED-PRINTING AND METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR DECORATING A PAPER OBJECT, which issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,106,651 on August 22, 2000, which in turn is a continuation of application No. 08/444,958, filed May 19, 1995, entitled METHOD FOR BLEED PRINTING, which issued as U.S. Patent No. 5,730,826 on March 24, 1998.

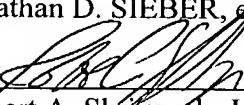
Claims 1-5 have been cancelled and claims 6-24 are newly presented.

In view of the foregoing, consideration and favorable action is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes, after this amendment, that the application is not in condition for allowance, the Examiner is respectfully requested to call the Applicants' attorney at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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